(d) whether Government have made any scheme for supply of crude oil as per its capacity; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The installed capacity of Barauni refinery, as on 1.4.2003, is 6.0 Million Metric Tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The profit (loss), before tax, at Barauni refinery during the last three years is as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

2002-2003	2001-2002	2000-2001
236.37	-(48.48)	-(237.68)

(d) and (e) Crude oil to Barauni refinery is supplied through a pipeline from Haldia which has adequate capacity to meet crude oil requirement of Barauni refinery.

New oil refineries in Rajasthan

238. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU):Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set-up oil refineries at any convenient place of Rajasthan for generation of employment in view of new oil and gas reserves found at various places;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The country is marginally surplus in refining capacity as on date. Further, in addition to the refinery expansion projects under implementation, five grassroot refinery projects are also planned. The

demand would be adequately met by materialization of the above projects. As such setting up of any other oil refinery, including one in the State of Rajasthan, does not appear to be feasible.

Gas reserve in Madhya Pradesh

239. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reliance Industries Ltd. has struck a huge gas reserve in its onshore CBM exploration block in Shahdol in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof with its commercial production schedules; and

(c) the purposes for which the gas produced from Shahdol field is to be utilized and its share in production of power in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Delay in launching of GASOHOL

240. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended the deadline for launching the petrol-ethanol mixture GASOHOL all over the country;

(b) whether this is due to severe imbalance among the States in terms of the size of sugar production capacity thereby ensuring regular supply of molasses;

(c) whether inter-State movement of molasses based ethanol will be subject to existing Central excise laws; and

(d) if so, in what manner Government propose to overcome such problems?